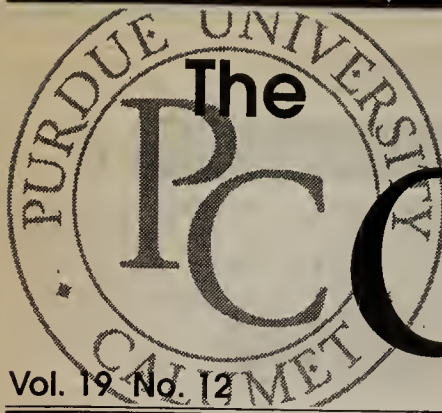




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Theta Phi Alpha comes to the aid of the community

JADE LEE CULBERSON
News Editor

Theta Phi Alpha is a national sorority that has had a chapter, Alpha Iota, on the PUC campus since 1970. The sorority is community service oriented and have worked on projects as separate chapters and as a whole to benefit people and neighborhoods across the country, Alpha Iota Vice President Nicole Rhyne, a fresh-

man majoring in computer networking, said.

On Oct. 30, the members of Alpha Iota and the a few of the chapter's alumnae went to Community Hospital in Munster to take baskets of non-candy treats, such as coloring books and stickers, to children who had to spend Halloween in the hospital. They went to the children's rooms in costume handing out the treats, Rhyne said.

The Alpha Iota chapter has

plans to volunteer at the soup kitchen of St. Joseph's Church one Friday in November, and to donate canned goods to the church near Christmas. They are planning a toy

drive for Toys for Tots and a trip to Miller's Manor, a nursing home in Hobart, to play Bingo for their December community service,

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Miranda Brakley
chapter president

which time they are trying to find new members who will work together to help strengthen the chapter. The chapter currently has three members and does many

activities with the alumni Alpha Iota sisters, Young-Franklin said.

25 members, but we had ten girls graduate in one year," Brakley said.

Rhyne said that because the group is small, they have had the chance to get to know each other and become good friends.

"All three of us are best friends. We hang out almost every day," Rhyne said.

Members of Theta Phi Alpha go to a convention each summer where they have the opportunity to meet sisters from other chapters. Awards are also given at the convention to outstanding chapters and sorority sisters.

The Alpha Iota chapter and its members have won awards, including Excellence in Philanthropy, Outstanding Chapter GPA and the Katrina Caughey Ward Scholarship Award, won by Brakley.

"Going to convention is a different feeling. You are able to see all these people who are interested in the same thing. It's remarkable, you get to see (sorority) sisters who are your age and sisters who are in their 80s," Brakley said.

All chapters of Theta Phi Alpha also celebrate Founders' Day on or around April 30, a day is agreed upon and all chapters celebrate on the same day, each year. These are events not only for the collegiate sisters, but the alumnae as well, Tracy Brough, a Gary resident and class of 1986 alumna member of Theta Phi Alpha, said.



Photo by Jade Lee Culbertson

Miranda Brakley, president of Theta Phi Alpha's Alpha Iota chapter, sits in the Theta Phi Alpha office and looks through a book of old photographs from the chapter's 30 year history at PUC.

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As a national sorority, they work of The House That Theta Phi Build, a part of Habitat for Humanity. Theta Phi Alpha is also involved with Glenmary Missions, Amy Young-Franklin, a Munster resident who graduated from PUC in 1994 and is now an alumna member of the sorority, said.

"It gives us an opportunity to give back to the community. But it's not just about service, it's about having fun, too; that's half the point," Young-Franklin said.

The chapter is planning an outing to Chicago in December to go Christmas shopping, Brakley said.

The Alpha Iota Chapter is currently undergoing a re-colonization process during

which time they are trying to find new members who will work together to help strengthen the chapter. The chapter currently has three members and does many

activities with the alumni Alpha Iota sisters, Young-Franklin said. "It's a big deal because we're starting from scratch and trying to build a big group of women who are interested in sorority life," Brakley said.

They are interested in having more women pledge the sorority, a process that includes the memorization of sorority history and ends with a written test. The Alpha Iota chapter holds at least one rush week per semester during which time women can take the first step toward becoming members by being chosen as a pledge sister, according to Theta Phi Alpha pledging literature.

"The group is looking for college women who are interested in joining a sorority and doing things on campus other than just studying," Young-Franklin said.

Brakley said she estimates that there will be between 15 and 20 members of the chapter in the spring.

"Sisters from previous years have graduated. One year we had

Library Task Force strives to improve learning for students

COURTNEY KANE ELLMAN
Copy Editor

The PUC library best serves the campus when students can access materials immediately, according to a report on the library's collection development.

Kathryn Carpenter, director of library services, professor of library science and co-chair of the task force who wrote the report, said the library wanted to find the best way to provide the information that the campus needs with the best use of money, time, staff and facilities.

The Collection Development Task Force helped to refine and reinforce the library's current priorities for purchasing materials, Carpenter said.

"We needed to find a way, as a library, to provide the services and resources that each of the members of the community need," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said the task force found that to be efficient, the library should give the highest priority to general reference materials and undergraduate course work materials because students usually need materials immediately.

"The types of things that have the broadest possibility of use, we would be more likely to buy," she said.

Carpenter said the library normally declines to buy materials used by only a few people but those materials are still available to the campus through interlibrary loan and document delivery.

Document delivery, where a commercial service sends PUC photocopies of materials, can work well for a professor with two years to spend writing a book, but it isn't really the best option for undergraduate students, Carpenter said.

"Document delivery takes, I think it's under a week, but if you decide on your topic and your paper's due in three days, you don't

have a week, you have three days, or maybe two and a half if you want a little writing time," said Carpenter.

Josh Pappalardo, a freshman majoring in political science, said he doesn't believe the library has enough materials to meet his needs. He said he only uses the campus' library for online full-text journals and would rather go to a public library than use interlibrary loan or document delivery.

Carpenter said the library tries to be all things to all people, but it can't purchase every book or journal published.

"You know, you buy everything that you think people might need and you keep it here just in case they do need it, but it takes a lot of space and staff to do that," Carpenter said.

Sherrie Kristin, library acquisitions clerk, said she thinks the new priorities for purchasing materials will compel people to evaluate what they really need instead of just handing her a long list of books.

"It will force them to maybe say, 'we

don't need 100 books, but we really need these 50.' The rest are just a wish list," Kristin said.

Carpenter said faculty responded enthusiastically to the task force's study, but no students attended the focus groups she set up. The task force had to rely on the faculty to filter information to and from their students instead of comments directly from the students, she said.

Carpenter said she welcomes student comments about library policy or suggestions for purchases. Carpenter can be reached at 989-2249 or carpent@calumet.purdue.edu. Students can also use the online suggestion form on the library Web site. The Task Force on Library Collection Development and Information Access Policy's report is available online at <http://library.calumet.purdue.edu/TASK-FORCE.HTM>.

The Lady Lakers will take on the St. Ambrose Queen Bees on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the PER Building

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Continuous Improvement Champions (CIC)

(another in a series of reports from the Office of Administrative Services)

Last May, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Gary Newsom established a new team of quality leaders, the Continuous Improvement Champions (CIC).

The CIC consists of 27 managers within Administrative Services and has as its goal the successful deployment and continuous improvement of the A.S. quality initiative. The CIC strives to accomplish this goal by gathering together for "learning seminars" every other Thursday. The focus of each session is on learning, sharing and applying new concepts and skills.

Each CIC member in turn shares with his or her staff that week's learning seminar topic. Using this method, Administrative Services hopes to engage every A.S. employee in continuously learning about quality. It also is expected that this method of learning will help deploy these concepts and tools throughout the organization more quickly, more just-in-time and more customized relative to the work that is done within each division.



Professional certifications

After many long hours of studying and traveling to the western suburbs of Chicago to participate in a Certified Quality Engineer refresher course, Director of Facilities and Logistical Support Services Steve Gyure has a return on his investment. He is Purdue Calumet's first Certified Quality Engineer.

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The American Society for Quality offers several quality certifications. Purdue Calumet has nine such certifications under its collective belt, an impressive accomplishment. They are:

- ◆ Certified Quality Auditors: Head of Fiscal Operations and Comptroller Linda Baer, Executive Director of Facilities and Logistical Support Services Mike Kull, Vice Chancellor Newsom and Quality Excellence Consultant Colleen Robison.
- ◆ Certified Quality Engineer: Steve Gyure
- ◆ Certified Quality Managers: Baer, Kull, Newsom, Robison

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CAMPUS CRIME WATCH

Purdue Calumet crime statistics are reported to the federal government and published periodically in this column. Recent months' reported campus crimes are as follows:

CATEGORY	Sept.	Oct.
Personal Property Theft	0	4
Amount of Loss	0	\$1,100
University Property Theft	2	4
Amount of Loss	\$4,600	\$11,035
Vehicle Thefts	0	0
Burglary	*2	5
RECOVERIES MADE	0	1

*NOTE: In the past when something was taken from an office, lab or classroom, the incident was classified as a theft. According to the Uniform Crime Reporting Act, those incidents now must be classified as burglaries.

At a glance
around campus

ASME to host open house

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will be hosting an open house Nov. 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in SFLC-321. Speakers include representatives of NIPSCO, U.S. Steel and ASME. All majors are invited to attend this introduction to area industry. Food will be served. For more information contact Eric Sangster at or call 924-0172.

Holiday Book Drive begins

The administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee will be sponsoring the 4th Annual Holiday Book Drive to benefit the children of East Chicago Area Headstart Program. Our goal is to provide all 240 children with a book. All PUC students and staff are invited to select a gift tag from the snowman display located in the Calumet Campus Bookstore, purchase the book identified on the gift tag, wrap the book and return the wrapped book to the information desk between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1.

SGA provides meeting space

The SGA would like to remind the student body that they provide their own senate chambers for any group wishing to assemble. For more information or to reserve the chamber, contact the SGA at 989-2394.

SGA seeks senators

The SGA is continuing to accept applications for the position of senator. All students interested should contact the SGA office at 989-2394.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. sponsors mitten drive

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will be sponsoring a mitten drive. You can help local area children by dropping off new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and earmuffs in the designated boxes around campus. All donations will be distributed to area children.

Morris K. Udall Scholarship offered to students

PUC students in fields related to the environment, and Native American and Alaska Native students in fields related to health care and public policy are invited to apply for the Morris K. Udall scholarship. The deadline for submitting appli-

cations for the scholarship is Feb. 5, 2001. All applications must be submitted to Michael Gealt, dean of the school of Engineering, Mathematics and Science. For further information call Gealt at 989-2468. For more information on the scholarship check out www.udall.gov

Gamers Guild seeks players

Purdue University Gamers Guild is an organization for students interested in role-playing games, such as Dungeons & Dragons and White Wolf (Mage: The Ascension, Vampire: The Masquerade). Those of all skill levels are invited, and experience is not required. PUGG meets on Mondays from 6:30-11 p.m. in SFLC-305 and Fridays from 6:30-11 p.m. in Gyte-108. Additional times will be announced at a later date. For more information contact PUGG President Will Race at lordwill@hotmail.com.

Los Latinos seeks new members

Los Latinos is seeking new members. Membership is open to all PUC students. Meetings will be held on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in SFLC-321. For more information contact Ray at 844-1371 or e-mail Jose at Bigboy15@hotmail.com

Black Student Union to sponsor talent/fashion show

The Black Student Union will be hosting their annual talent/fashion show on Dec. 6 in Alumni Hall from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Society for Human Resource Management announces meetings

The Society for Human Resources Management's meetings for the fall 2000 semester is as follows: Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. All meetings will be at 5 p.m. in Gyte-108. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to participate, e-mail Tony Hobson at pucshrmpr@yahoo.com

The Chronicle looking for writers

The Chronicle, PUC's award-winning newspaper is looking for writers to fill vacancies in the news and sports department. Experience is preferred but not necessary. For more information on becoming a writer, call Jason Dananay at 989-2547.

Quote of the Week

"The best thing that my father never taught me was how to quit!"

-Peter Chicavara
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Holiday isolation leads to depression

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With the holiday season fast approaching, holiday goers are starting to have visions of sugarplums and the picture-perfect holiday season, but financial and emotional realities might not live up to their expectations, bringing a person into a lonely and dark depression.

There have been studies, one by Yale University, that found there was an increase in depression during the holidays but by realizing that their emotions will pass and are "normal," a person's crummy holiday can be saved.

"A lot of people set high expectations to have a hallmark moment with the picture-perfect Christmas,

when the fact of the matter is families aren't getting along as well as a financial stress," said pre-doctoral intern Tara Palmatier of the Northeastern University Center for Counseling and Student Development.

Having the perfect holiday is an expectation brought upon by the constant commercialization which boost the images of happy families with their special companion. It is these images that people attempt to live up to for their holiday, according to Palmatier.

"Let go of your expectations, you don't have to have the perfect Christmas," she said. "If you feel especially sad and you want to be by yourself, don't! Isolation leads to

depression."

Depression is a duration of intense and unsettling symptoms that last throughout the day and at least for two weeks. And during the holiday when people are by themselves in a new city or on co-op and are not able to make it home to their families and loved ones, loneliness can eventually lead to depression.

A financial strain on your wallet can also be a factor for the holiday blues.

Other factors that can lead to depression are sweets and alcohol.

Palmatier stressed that people feeling alone and isolated should avoid alcohol because it acts as a depressant making people feel even more alone. And although holidays are when people tend to for-

get about healthy eating habits and binge on chocolates and other sweets, she said the sweets would raise emotions but eventually bring them crashing down.

"Many people have a bout of depression during the holidays, it just seems more poignant when it's the holiday season because there's that expectation of family togetherness," Palmatier said.

People getting signs of depression will effect their normal sleeping schedule with temporary insomnia or hyperinsomnia - sleeping too much.

Although there are conflicting studies on suicide and the holidays, it is a concern with depressed individuals or people with a history of mental health.

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Let's look at the bigger picture

Two weeks ago, a forum was held in SFLC to discuss racism and unfair treatment of students by professors. During the forum professors' names were mentioned. During the forum, news fliers were passed out to those in attendance explaining one student's encounters with Nicky Ali Jackson, a professor. The news flier told of instances when the professor treated the student unfairly. The news flier also told of mistreatment by Leo Bryant, dean of students. According to the news flier, Bryant was reluctant to hear the student's complaints.

Did this rally prove that these two faculty members at PUC are racists? No. Can it ever be proven? Probably not.

What this did bring to peoples' attention is the lack of racial tolerance and understanding that people have at PUC.

As the student enrollment has gone up over the years, the students and faculty members are finding themselves dealing with a separation between different races and cultures.

Despite the growing trend of ethnic diversity at PUC, the university as a whole has not acted to help students become more tolerant and sensitive in regards to interacting with people that they have never interacted with in past educational experiences.

The problem does not stop with the students. The university has also never provided faculty and staff with any sensitivity training to help them interact with people that different from them both ethnically and culturally.

Some campuses have dealt with race relations among faculty and staff with education courses. Some universities have even made it mandatory for students and faculty to complete sensitivity training.

While this measure may not solve the problem over night, it is definitely a step in the right direction. One of the roles of a university is to try to erase ignorance and open the minds of its students to new things, including interacting with people from different backgrounds. We learn how to write speeches and term papers in college, why can't we learn to understand or at least respect people that are different from us?

The school does have an ethnic studies program, but the people that are enrolled are not the ones with racist tendencies. Why doesn't the university make it mandatory to take an introductory ethnic studies class when incoming freshman enroll at PUC. Again, this may not solve the problem, but it does help those of us who are concerned with the polarity of students.

The forum may have not achieved immediate success in getting to the problem of racism involving faculty and students. It did make a wave with administration and the student body. Now it is the administration's turn to act.

Until the university makes a sincere effort to implement sensitivity training and mandatory ethnic studies classes, the problems will continue to grow. Students will not wait much longer and professors will walk on eggshells until an effort has been made on the part of the university to help fight this problem.

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The People Speak



Terence Anderson

sophomore, computer programming

"They need to offer more opportunities to get together; this is a commuter campus, and people only worry about going to class!"



Lisa Maksymczak

senior, philosophy

"There is no community at this school. If there would be more organizations, they could set standards that faculty and students could respect, and they could therefore be recognized on campus."



Pete Stathis

sophomore, English literature

"Add arts classes and resources because art is a great way to express individualism and promote diversity by getting people together to share common interests."



Genevieve Vansteeg

senior, electrical engineering

"By funding and encouraging on-campus events celebrating various cultures."



Juan Campos

senior, electrical engineering

"By having students encourage the freshmen to join societies like SWE and NSBE."

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I recently graduated from Purdue Calumet this past spring, so I have not been on campus this semester to hear about what events have been going on. My sister, who is a freshman this year at Purdue Calumet, notified me of a disturbing event that took place in the SFLC lounge on Nov. 1.

It seems that there was a communist rally held in the lounge, with the members of Committee Against Racism tearing apart the character of Dr. Nicky Ali Jackson, a criminal justice professor on campus, and a former professor of mine. My sister gave me one of their flyers to read, and I found it to be full of assumptions without evidence and totally ridiculous. The flyer had been written by one female student and had been written to sound as if the entire student body was behind her. That is totally inaccurate and, from the people I have talked to, not even close.

The rally held that Dr. Jackson is a racist professor and that the Criminal Justice Club is a racist organization and a puppet of hers to manipulate. These are also totally inaccurate statements. I took four classes from Dr. Jackson over the last two years and worked closely with her as the president of the Criminal Justice Club for those past two years. To say anything negative or racist concerning her teaching style is backwards and a total lie. Dr. Jackson is one of the most fair and knowledgeable professors on campus and I personally learned more from her than from any other professor. She is an inspiration to her students and a help to all students who need her. In the past two years I watched her put all that she had into teaching the classes I took and the students in my classes looked forward to her class.

Dr. Jackson is a diamond in the rock as far as professors are concerned. She gives so much and expects students to do only what is expected from them: that they participate in the class and learn from each other. I definitely have learned a lot from her. She has become one of my good friends. She earned the respect of my classmates, and myself even from the ones who didn't get As or Bs in her class. They all respected her and benefited from the advice and guidance she gave us during our time at Purdue Calumet. I honestly know that I am a better person today and will do well in life just because I have

known her.

If the Criminal Justice Club is so racist, why are the president and vice-president black females? All of us in the club got along together, white or black, and we are all still great friends. Anyone in the club will tell you the same thing. But I don't see any of their opinions on the flyer. It's just one girl putting words in the mouths of every student on the campus because she feels inadequate by herself.

Instead of ripping on the good professors, why don't we stop these communist professors from wasting our time and tax dollars? I've taken two classes by two different communist professors and took nothing away from them except being graded harshly. I, along with another student, was also verbally abused (for real, unlike in the girl's case) by my former communist political science professor just because we were criminal justice majors. They teach us nothing except to insult the police who risk their lives everyday to protect us. Good luck getting a decent grade in their classes if you disagree with them. This is totally opposite from Dr. Jackson's class, where everyone is heard and every opinion is respected. She stated that on the first day of each course I took with her as a professor.

To the complaining student—your story and complaints are full of holes and just not true. On behalf of her devoted former students, I take offense to your flyer, rally and false accusations. Dr. Jackson is an excellent professor and quite possibly one of the most dedicated professors on campus. As you keep making campus unrest with the students, 95 percent of which have probably never had her as a professor, stop and think about the lies you are saying and who the real worthless professors are. For every student you find me who doesn't like Dr. Jackson, I'll find you fifteen that do. From the students who have taken her classes, good luck finding one who doesn't. We'll all stand by her no matter what, and we are proud to call her our friend.

James L. Ghrist, B.A.,
Criminal Justice (2000)

President, Criminal Justice Club (1998-2000)

Internet opens door for identification theft

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The Internet, voice automated systems, cell phones and ATMs are products of a rapid expansion of modern technology that could cause people using them to fall victim of identity theft.

Easy access to Social Security, bank and credit card numbers has opened the door to ID theft in the 21st century.

In everyday transactions, millions of Americans release personal information, which is the stock of trade for thousands of identity thieves across the nation.

Corporations such as Chase Manhattan Bank are increasing security levels of verification to protect its consumers against fraudulent activity.

"At our bank, we require two valid forms of identification and this consists of more than just a driver's license and a Social Security card," Chase Online Training Manager Florentina Renshaw said.

Most financial institutions offer security access codes and other precautionary measures to eliminate the accessibility of account information.

"Personal information can be stolen from wallets, found in garbage cans and mailboxes; heard on unsecured phone lines or even bought and sold online," Federal Trade Commission representative Michael Steigler said.

The FTC estimates between 500,000 and 700,000 people will become victim of ID

theft this year.

The FTC tries to get corporations to heighten consumer awareness but says it is up to the consumer to minimize the risk of ID theft.

But Gloria Russell, a victim of ID theft, said she believes many corporations are causing consumers to fall victim to the crime.

"They send you junk mail, promotional offers, credit card applications in which all your personal information is preprinted on,"

Russell said. "They are just making it easier for thieves."

Identity theft can also go unnoticed if consumers do not keep an accurate account of information, which can be done by obtaining up-to-date copies of credit reports.

"Many people don't know their credit has been ruined as a cause of ID theft until they are continually being turned down for jobs, credit and refinancing offers," Equifax representative Torry Bell said.

Equifax, Experian and Trans Union are three major credit bureaus available to provide free consultations and credit reports in efforts to help protect consumers against this crime.

ID theft has been an ongoing concern not only for agencies and consumers but Congress as well. Congress has fought against ID theft since 1990.

Legislators have passed over a hundred laws trying to dissolve the factors that would encourage thieves to assume the identity of others.

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Torry Bell

Equifax representative

Cold medicine linked to strokes

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Beware of downing a bottle of cold medicine to relieve a seasonal cold — according to some researchers, it might lead to a stroke.

Phenylpropanolamine, or PPA, a chemical used as a decongestant in many over-the-counter cold medications, has been connected to an increased chance of hemorrhagic strokes in people between the ages of 20-49, according to the results of a five-year Yale University study.

PPA, found in popular non-prescription drugs such as Robitussin CF, Dimetapp and Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine, is also an ingredient in many over-the-counter weight loss drugs, including Dexatrim.

The Yale study revealed a 16-fold increase in the risk of stroke while using weight-control drugs and triple the risk in cold medications. More than 700 patients who had strokes were studied over this five-year period.

PPA has been found to cause brain hemorrhaging, possibly due to an artery that is clogged or one that has burst open and bled. The study suggests that PPA may also be linked to an increase in blood pressure, a condition that can affect someone with weak arteries and is more prone to a stroke from the increased blood flow.

The Food and Drug Administration, however, has yet to warrant the removal of PPA or place warning labels or restrictions on drugs because of the minimal number of people that are affected annually. Hemorrhagic strokes affect less than 20 of 100,000 people

each year. According to the Yale study, only one out of 500,000 women who have taken a diet pill containing PPA suffered a stroke.

"It is not found in a long-term use of the drug. The increased risk was found within the use of a three-day period," said Noel Weiss, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Washington.

Weiss, who is sponsored by the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, the nation's largest representative of over-the-counter drugs, is investigating the conclusions of the Yale study as part of an independent panel of experts.

"The CHPA has financial interests, but the study showed that PPA was no serious risk to the regular consumer," Weiss said.

The FDA began questioning the effects of PPA in the early '90s.

"It was suspected among the people who started the drugs (with PPA) when young women began to suffer from strokes," Weiss said.

These suspicions led to the Yale study, which began in 1995.

Weiss is not clear what action the FDA will take since the release of the study's findings, but he feels there are is no serious danger for the general public who use drugs with the chemical. He does admit, however, that the people who suffered from this type of stroke were "seemingly healthy people."

Not all over-the-counter cold remedies or weight-loss drugs contain PPA. Alternatives are available, but unfortunately these drugs contain other chemicals that have yet to be tested, Weiss said.

Fraternity to appeal suspension

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The national Sigma Alpha Epsilon office will appeal the suspension handed down to the University of Missouri chapter.

"The university did not follow due process," SAE national spokesman Brandon Weghorst said.

By due process, Weghorst said, he means that the Interfraternity Council, rather than the Student Organizations, Governments and Activities committee, should have conducted the Dry 2000 investigation.

"A separate investigation for alcohol violations was not completed in a manner consistent with judicial process for student organizations," Weghorst said.

MU suspended SAE until May 30, 2001, which means the chapter cannot take part in any university-sponsored or fraternity event.

Also, according to a press release, the national office stated that MU has mandated that the house be alcohol-free until 2004.

The national office said the punish-

ment is not deserved.

"We feel the sanctions are too severe for the violation," Weghorst said.

He said the national office does not approve of the university's decision to force the pledges out of the house before the end of the semester.

"We are concerned about the new members' academic performance and that the burdens of moving before final examinations will adversely affect that performance," Weghorst said.

National SAE manager of redevelopment Mike Wymant visited MU for two days and found no evidence of hazing, Weghorst said.

MU did not find the fraternity guilty of hazing, but in its investigation did find violations of the Dry 2000 policy and coercing pledges to drink. The case was heard by SOGA, which in turn recommended the suspension to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Charles Schroeder, who handed down the final decision.

"We do not condone the abuse of alcohol, and we respect the university's timely investigation," Weghorst said.

"However, we are disappointed."



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Devilish 'Little Nicky' gets huge laughs

RICK PEREGOY
Entertainment Editor

If Adam Sandler's new film "Little Nicky" were a boxing match instead of a film, the referee would have had to stop it.

"Little Nicky" is New Line Cinema's latest comedy co-written by Sandler, director Steven Brill and Tim Herlihy, that starts off with a few cheap comedic jabs but then eventually builds to a crescendo of hilarious hay makers that had the entire audience on the ropes laughing uncontrollably and powerless to do anything but laugh.

Yes, I am the same person who once wrote that I wouldn't line my bird's cage with a script from an Adam Sandler movie, and no, a heavy object didn't fall from the sky and hit me in the head ... other than "Little Nicky."

Did I maybe lose my objectivity because I knew that shortly after the pre-release screening I was going to actually meet the mega-star? No, I had every intent on asking him how he feels about making one and two star movies in consecutive order. Perhaps my problem was more with Saturday Night Live and a disagreement that I once had with executive producer Lorne Michael's secretary over the quality of "SNL's" writing staff and its weekly ability to hold a star such as Sandler back from his full potential with lame premises for comedy skits.

Whatever the case maybe, I'm over it and here to tell you that "Little Nicky" will be Sandler's

first three-star plus movie. Sandler plays little Nicky, the

son of the devil (Harvey Keitel). His mother just so happens to be an angel (Ellen Cleghorne). This leaves Nicky as a shy, totally introverted misfit who is more concerned with rocking to heavy metal than to use his powers of good or evil, which are innate to him.

Since there are no rules for how heaven and hell are actually supposed to be in the real world, Sandler and friends are wide open to do what ever they want with the script and it just "Rocks!"

Nicky is his father's only hope and also the Earth's only hope as well. He must go back through the porthole that is the gate of

Adam Sandler, right, with Beefy the Bulldog (voiced by Saturday Night Live's Robert Smigel), plays the son of the devil and an angel in the comedy "Little Nicky."

Movie	"Little Nicky"
Actor	Adam Sandler
Rating	9 of 10

hell to bring back his two evil brothers, but he has a by-polar problem. He does not understand the realm that is worldly and the fact that he has both good and evil in him makes him slow to understand things. How does one process information when there are two totally contrasting ways to understand something ... even something

so basic as right and wrong? Knowing this, what is left of his father has made arrangements for a bulldog named "Beefy" to clue him along on his path of earthly

existence. (Robert Smigel, a talented writer and cartoonist for "Saturday Night Live," plays the voice of Beefy).

Beefy introduces Little Nicky to his new roommate, Todd, an anal-retentive and testosterone-lacking dweeb, played comically by Allen Covert who previously appeared with Sandler on such various works as "Big Daddy" "The Wedding Singer" and "The Waterboy."

Little Nicky isn't gone from hell for very long when he finds out that if your not careful on earth ... you die. "What are you doing back already?" his grandfather Lucifer (Rodney Dangerfield) asks.

"A ... I got hit by this big ass light with a bunch of metal attached to it!" he replies not knowing any other way to describe a train. He must learn every thing about the earth including how to eat, sleep and with the help of Valerie (Patricia Arquette) even how to fall in love.

This film is over the top in just about every way imaginable. First of all, is the cast. Quality performances are turned in from every angle from the entire cast although the cast borders on gargantuan. Quentin Tarantino plays a hilarious blind, paranoid dooms day preacher who can sense the evil that Little Nicky possesses, so he is quick to panic and also quick to point out just how dangerous and painful it can be for a blind person to try to outrun evil.

Sandler and company has actually written people into this hilarious script before the casting director could even say for sure whether or not he could get the actor, but everyone shows up. He wrote in some parts from his earlier films utilizing

the past work a seed that has now sprouted in this film for the blatant sake of ironic humor. ("You can do it!" Rob Snieders Reborn character from "The Waterboy" shouts to Little Nicky.) Then there is a slew of big name stars that I cannot dare to give away, because the payoff for their existence in the film is the surprise that they were even in it.

The special effects are also over the top and in a great way. The film's trailer is full of continuity errors when contrasted to the actual movie and does not do the flick the justice that it deserves. The movie has a perfectly put together sound track that seems to fit well with the timing of the scenes utilizing the talents such as incubus, Chicago and The Scorpions.

I once wrote a review about the movie "EdTV" that focused around the overuse of product placement. Sandler writes Popeye's Chicken the world's biggest and most overdone plug in the entire existence of film. The plugs are not really plugs, but rather a mockery of product placements in movies in general. The plugs start off small and they keep growing and growing and growing. Things building up seem to be a theme in "Little Nicky." The jokes, and the cast, and the Popeye's plugs, and the plot. Even the sound track seems to build to a climactic finish and even becomes the net that hold all of these aspects together. The movie ascends into a sort of grand finally that has the theater's audience in a joint unison of belly laughs not just chuckles. This is yet another film where Adam Sandler plays the underdog ... and definitely not his last! Keep on writing Adam Sandler!



UPSIDE-DOWN written by Rick Peregoy, illustrated by Solomon Shih



When funny people get executed

Sandler wows fans in the Windy City

RICK PEREGOY
Entertainment Editor

Editor's note: This story contains language that may offend some readers.

You might think that a guy who pulls in more per movie (\$25 million) than a lot of Third World countries' entire gross national product might be a bit of a snob. Nothing could be further from the truth. I recently had a chance to meet Sandler at the House of Blues in downtown Chicago following the pre-release screening of his newly released film, "Little Nicky."

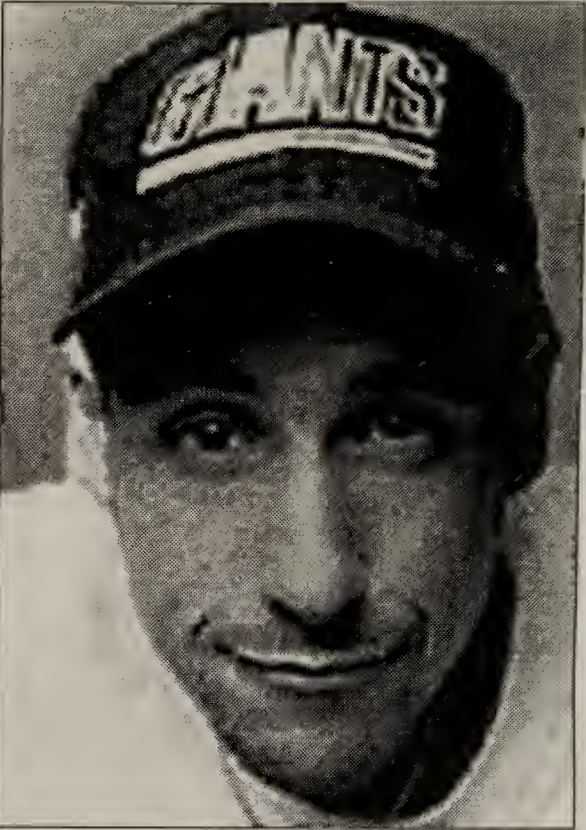
One of the many things that the film mocks is product placement with total overkill, but they only use one company's product ... Popeye's Chicken. Sandler, who co-wrote the film with director Steven Brill and Tim Herlihy, was there with co-star and veteran actor Allen Covert. One of the first things that I asked him was how he was able to procure Popeye's Chicken's entire product placement budget for the new millennium when this is only the first year of the millennium; he started to laugh and said, "That's good! When me and my buddies were in college in New York we used to eat at Popeye's all of the time and we used to eat the chicken ... and the biscuits and so in this movie I thought it would be funny if my guy ate Popeye's, so we approached the guy who runs New Line (Cinema), Bob Shey. 'You know, Nicky loves Popeye's but we don't want it to be like a tie-in thing,' and he's like, (disguising voice to imitate Shey) 'Well, uh, this is a great opportunity for us and maybe we should take it somewhere else and make it like a bigger, mass campaign but we thought it was only funny if we didn't tie it in to anything and we only felt like the fact that my guy ate Popeye's.'"

"So they got a big, free commercial!" Covert interrupted. "Well, when I see the movie," Sandler said, "I'm like whoa, geeze, it looks like we're kissin' Popeye's ass," Sandler said.

"They gave you that nice uniform," Covert pointed

out, and then said that while they were shooting on location at Popeye's Chicken that "they gave us free chicken."

Sandler said that in the event of an actors strike, he



Adam Sandler, star of films such as "Happy Gilmore," "Billy Madison" and "The Wedding Singer," visited Chicago for the premiere of "Little Nicky."

would start touring college campuses again with his stand-up comedy.

Sandler said he had a few small reservations about making the movie and referred to a scene where his character Little Nicky, who is the son of the devil and an angel and knows nothing of the earthly world, relieves himself on a New York City street.

"The scene where I was crappin' on the street ... I wasn't too psyched about having to do that in the middle of New York ... but luckily down the street someone else was doing it also."

Allen Covert has played gay characters on numerous occasions and was asked if he was afraid of getting typecast. "Well, I think that this is the last gay character that I'm going to be playing ... because right after that someone sent me a script called 'Crusin'."

"It's a story about two guys who hide out from the Mob on a gay cruise, and I said ya know, I'm not doing another gay role and that's why I like working with him (Sandler) because I get to do a lot of crazy, different stuff rather than just be the same character all the time, he's good like that," Covert said.

Sandler said that he enjoys these types of movies, and that he likes to make people laugh. "People are always talking to me about doing different things and I'm sure one day I'll try (a serious role)." Sandler says that they are doing an animated "Hanukkah" movie that should be due out in about a year.

Sandler in person, doesn't seem to wear his success on his sleeve until the opportunity arises to make a joke about it. When an unprepared journalist from Michigan asked him if he ever felt guilty about making \$20 million to do a movie, Sandler used a perfectly timed comedic pause and in his slow and precise east coast drawl said, "Well...actually...it's twenty-five million...and um...no." Sandler's as down to earth as they get, even as he's lighting up a room with laughter he just carries on like it's no big deal...but I think deep down, he knows that it is!

Head to Traditions for some home-cooked Highland pride

KATHALINA HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Located on 2739 Highway Ave. sits a framed house like building. This building has been owned and operated by seven different families. Around 1910, owners Mike and Barbara Grimmer opened Grimmer's, a saloon and boarding house that provided food and spirits to the town's early travelers, farmers and railroad workers. In the 1940s, Tony and Amanda Grimmer continued the ambiance, operating as the Highland Lounge and Liquor store. In 1958, Ken Gurley opened Mr. Kinney's, a restaurant heralded for its steak, seafood, and legendary business lunches. Around 1960, Dick and Paulina Kelly changed the name, but kept the spirits with Kelly's until 1963. Ben and Dorita Ollo took over its operation, serving family after family from 1963 through 1981 as Ben's restaurant and lounge. Marvin and Barbara Jurjevic served fine food and drinks for another 19 years. In that time, coaches, fans, and local families continued to gather at Marvin's to reminisce and celebrate sports of all kinds. In 1999, the Spain Family joined the ranks of proud business owners with Traditions, as they continue to welcome people to the nearly 100 years of history that made this 1898 structure such an integral part of



Traditions, in Highland, has been owned by seven different families since 1910. It is now known as a local favorite.

Highland's heritage.

Now that you've been given the history of this old intact restaurant, I had the opportunity to revisit this legendary place. Entering this updated time-piece, anyone could tell renovations had taken place. Pictures of old town Highland stores hung on the walls throughout the restaurant.

A Highland Trojan sign hung above the bar along with sport memorabilia. A tint of cigarette smoke filled the air. We seated ourselves. A server greeted us with menus and water. We decided to go with the steak. I ordered Buffalo Chicken wings as an appetizer and a 12oz. Rib-eye steak

cooked medium well with O'Brien potatoes on the side.

The appetizers came out in no time. These wings were light, crisp and were not the least bit messy. Women, if you're here on a first date, get the wings. I can promise you won't look like an idiot or a carnivore tearing into these little suckers to get the meat off.

While we were finishing up our wings, a cheddar cheese ball served on a small saucer and a basket of crackers, with a small snack size garlic toast was placed in front of us. This was included with our dinners. I thought the whole cheese ball thing was unusual, but did not complain. It was gone in no time.

After this quick snack was finished, we were served with traditional salads; you know the kind, fresh lettuce and a bright red tomato slice. While eating my salad, I felt full. I didn't want to spoil my appetite for my steak, so I put my plate to the side not taking another bite.

Meantime, my steak arrived. It was served on an Iron skillet with a fat onion ring on top and O'Brien's potatoes on the side. The steak was served fresh and naked of any seasonings. As I began to indulge in this well portioned steak, I missed the salty seasoning that I was familiar with. I then added Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce, which totally pleased my palette and made me happy with my steak. The O'Brien's were very mouth watering by sight, but bland with flavor and lacking any kind of salty taste. The entire meal was very fulfilling.

Our check total came up to \$39.05, which I felt was well worth the price. The quality and quantity of the food was very satisfying. The restaurant lives up to it's past history of fine food and spirits. Traditions take on as a local hangout for many people in the area and also as a family hangout. Everyone is welcome. Eat in and enjoy!

Restaurant	Traditions
Price	.95-\$21.95
Rating	7.5 of 10

CuriousStuff



World Candies Inc. of Brooklyn New York produces "Lucky Lights" a brand of candy cigarettes. Executive of the company Matt Cohen was not available for comment when I would have posed the question, "Has your corporation ever considered coming out with a chocolate bong so we can teach our children how to simulate smoking grass?" It could look like a bong on the outside and have chewy nougat on the inside.

Source: Rick Peregoy

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It's like football,
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BOB GRANTZ
Sports Editor

What would happen if professional wrestling were to be mixed with professional football? You would get an... interesting offspring, the XFL.

For those of you who haven't heard, the XFL is going to be a new professional football league. It is the brainchild of World Wrestling Federation creator Vince McMahon. It will mix the athleticism of football with the theatrics of pro wrestling. It will be kicking off Feb. 3, 2001.

The XFL boasts teams such as the Las Vegas Outlaws, New York/New Jersey Hitmen and the Chicago Enforcers. These teams sound like something straight out of a movie. I'm sure the action will be real, not a single thing faked.

The league hasn't started yet and already positions have been filled and re-filled. The original coach of the Chicago Enforcers was supposed to be Dick Butkus. Butkus, a football legend from the Bears, has now become the XFL's director of football competition and vacated the position of Enforcer coach. The new Enforcer coach will be Ron Meyer. Meyer is a two-time NFL AFC head coach of the year.

Who will be playing in the XFL? Not even the XFL knows that one yet. There will be open tryouts held to fill the rosters of the teams.

Officials from the XFL claim that this will be real football. McMahon will run it, but all the action will be real.

On the XFL Web site the WWF is compared to Disney. They say that Disney has built an empire on a fake mouse, Mickey. They say that no one objects to Disney making movies, opening theme parks or owning two professional teams. Based on this argument the XFL claims that it should be taken seriously.

One big difference between the XFL and Disney: Disney does not try to convince anyone that what they're seeing is real. The WWF, in the past, tried to pawn themselves off as the real deal. Nowadays it is referred to as "sports entertainment" meaning fake wrestling. Disney never claimed that Mickey was an actual mouse.

Other than that, the two are totally alike.

The XFL has started off on a good foot in one way though. They start after the end of the NFL's season instead of trying to compete. If the XFL were to try to compete they would get slaughtered in the ratings. Proves that McMahon has business sense at least.

By starting in February, they will pick up all the football fans that still want football, even though the season is over. They are working on the "only game in town" principle.

The XFL does provide some interesting prospects though. Things like elaborate entrances, signature moves and storylines may be part of the XFL.

Come February, the XFL will have arrived and everything will be revealed. We will then find out if the players are their real selves or if they're fake characters created by the WWF.

No matter what, this league will have to get past the doubt about its authenticity. After all, it is a creation of the WWF.

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Lakers come home in style

FRANK SPRANKLE
Staff Writer

When the PUC Lakers opened up the season on Nov. 1 at the Kettle Classic against rival IU Northwest, they did it being a rebuild program with returning players, a number of recruits and a new coaching staff. As the proceeds for the contest went to the Salvation Army, the Lakers held on to an 83-61 win.

But if that game went to the Salvation Army, then the game three days later went to the PUC fans who came out and witness the first home game.

Still, fresh off the win against IUN, the Lakers continued to focus on improvement.

"Whenever you get your first win underneath your belt, your going to be happy about it. And especially with a new coach who is happy to get his first win out of the way," senior guard Aric Graham, who had 13 points in the game against IUN, said.

"I think for us, we played well to win, but there is still more to do to get better and win more," Graham said.

In addition to Graham's 13 points, Brain Anton led the way with 20 points, while Andrew Hall had 14 and Tom Cuzzo chipped in with 10.

"Points did not matter, everyone contributed, but defense won the game," Anton said. "The first half we played horrible defense as we did not box out or close out, the second half we played good defense in an eight minute span, but when you play good defense the offense works."

On Nov. 4, the Lakers played host to the Calumet College Crimson Wave, who joins the intercollegiate basketball ranks this season, which could mean a sign of things to come for local college basketball.

"It's going to be a great rivalry with us, IUN and now Calumet College," Head Coach Gary Hayes said.

Hayes also stated that it would become of importance to take care of the basketball and get to the free-throw line early.

Once the tip-off, the Lakers took control early off Crimson Wave mistakes and went to the hoop. By the end of the first half of play, PUC took a commanding 54-29 lead into the locker room.

Three days earlier the Lakers had four players in double figures at games end. At the end of 20 minutes against Calumet College, three players had scored 10 or more points with Cuzzo picking up 12. Ryan Sexston also had 12 points that included four three pointers for the 6'3 junior guard. Graham

led all scorers with 14 points at halftime as the Lakers also found themselves shooting 80 percent from the free-throw line.

The second half began with the Lakers continuing to dominate the court with key attacks down low and at the post, as well as getting to the loose ball. Calumet College would not look back on this night as the Lakers prevailed to a 102-59 victory, setting their early record at 2-0.

"In the mens' college game, it's hard to keep the opponent to 60 points and under," Hayes said after his team's victory. "Right now we are just trying to get better."

The Lakers finished with 48 total points off the bench.

"The whole team improved on turnovers. Our attitudes were different here as we came here to play our best," senior center Travis Schmidt said.

Graham said he welcomes the local competition. "I like playing against local talent because you can play against guy that maybe you played with in high school or over the last couple of years so it's a good thing," Graham said.

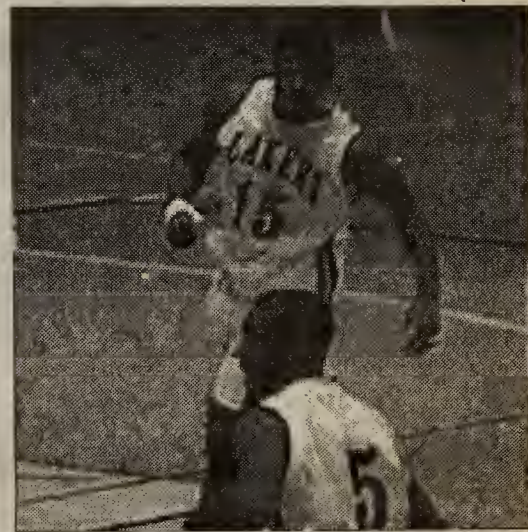


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Warren Chumley, number 5, looks to set up the offense as Andrew Hall, number 15, takes high post position in the Lakers' game against Calumet College on Oct. 4. The Lakers won 102-59 to improve their record to 2-0 on the season.

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